



Falaise Community Association
Growing a stronger community together

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- March 9, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:35 pm

Attendees: Holly Holt, Bob Lucy, Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Barbara Ross, Carl Ross, Stew Vinnels

Opening remarks (Stuart):

Introduction of agenda -slight change in format

Additions to Agenda: 1. Uptown Multi-Cultural Festival

Correspondence:

1. Invitation from the mayor to meet with the interim CAO and himself – to be discussed under new business
2. Invitation from the mayor to meet with BARA, Royal Oak Community Association and Royal Oak Broadmead Business Improvement Association – to be discussed under new business
3. The mayor has advised that he is on the provincial rodent control advisory panel.

Minutes from February meeting: Approved as written.

Motion to approve: Stew Seconded: Barb Approved: unanimous

Business arising from minutes

Status of action items from last month:

Stuart: done. Carl: done. Holly: done. Stew: done. Bob: done. Mac: done (meeting areas for May and June at SCP; April date change to be confirmed)

Financial Report: Carl

1. There is a healthy balance in our bank account at present (\$5,249)
 - a) Directors should speak with community members and solicit input on possible wish list items.
 - b) Directors to bring ideas to our April meeting.

Financial report dated March 7, 2022, was submitted for approval. There were 133 paid members as of March 7th. There have been 35 since then that will be included in the report next month.

Motion to approve: Holly Seconded: Mac Approved: unanimous

SCAN report: Mac

1. Acting Saanich CAO Brent Reems attended with the mayor. The mayor spoke on items 2-4.
2. Saanich future area plans include a move toward densification of highway corridors and community centres. These plans are posted on the Saanich website. It means existing LAPs would not be updated.



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3. Saanich is moving toward a Consent Agenda model. Less controversial items will be first up and any requiring more input will be put further down on the agenda.
4. Saanich currently holds 12 public hearings per year. They are hoping to condense public hearings for three years of development requests into one year to clear up the backlog. It is with the proviso that each application has met all Saanich planning requirements. This will result in minimal public consultations.

Committee reports / actions:

1. Noise Wall (Stew)
 - a) We may still be able to access some funds from the New Canada Building Fund. Stew and Stuart will discuss with Mayor Haynes and the acting CAO (Brent Reems) at the March 21st meeting.
2. Membership Drive 2022 (Mac)
 - a) Membership drive is going well. There are 168 residents signed up to date.
3. Falaise Park Inspection Report (Stuart)
 - a) The park inspection was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Old Business

1. Afghanistan refugee sponsorship program
 - a) Marlene Simmons has a group that is prepared to move forward on this individual residents' project.
2. Falaise Drive road mural project – motion to approve
 - a) We have received the grant from Saanich.
 - b) The additional required insurance for the dates of the road painting is included in the budget. No additional funding required.
 - c) Next steps: complete a draft design and canvas remaining immediate neighbours for concept approval

Motion: Move that the FCA approve the road mural project and agree to move forward with the plan outlined in the grant.

Motion to approve: Bob Seconded: Stew Approved: unanimous

3. Falaise Drive / Royalwood Place intersection safety issue
 - a) There are continuing concerns regarding the safety of the left-hand turn from Royalwood Place onto Falaise Drive.
 - b) The resident owning the property bordering the curve has agreed to cut down a bush that obscures the line of sight.
 - c) SLOW DOWN signs have been purchased with the intention of posting them on the Saanich right-of-way on either side of the curve.
4. Community survey
 - a) Limesurvey will be used as in 2021.



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- b) A committee has been formed to update relevant questions to reflect current issues: Bob, Stuart, Barb.
- c) The draft survey will be submitted to the directors for approval prior to sending it out.
- d) The committee will complete a draft by April and have the final draft ready for circulation by early May
- e) One item to include: community input into having local businesses advertise in the FF.

New Business

1. Invitation to speak with the Mayor Haynes and CAO Brent Reems.
 - a) The meeting will take place on March 21st. Format is to discuss positive and negative issues associated with Saanich residency.
 - b) Stew and Stuart will attend
2. Invitation to meet with BARA, FCA, and Royal Oak BIA
 - a) Stuart to contact the president of BARA to discuss potential topics
 - b) Mayor has requested one participant from each association
 - c) Date and location TBA
3. FCA Facebook – resident request to open it up as a community bulletin board
 - a) Our account is not set up as a community board but rather as a communication tool for our association and its events. It was suggested that the resident look into *NextDoor* which is an app set up as a community forum.
4. One Planet Action Plan Training (Bob)
 - a) Saanich has committed to reduce greenhouse gases.
 - b) The plan's premise is that if consumption is reduced, the planet can sustain itself. This action group is tasked with brainstorming ways for communities to exist in sustainable ways.
 - c) Bob will write an article for the Falaise Focus.
5. Falaise Focus – proposed articles for Spring 2022 newsletter
 - a) Road mural and pictures
 - b) Lot 855 summary debrief – Stuart
 - c) One Planet Action Plan – Bob
 - d) Membership
 - e) President's message
 - f) Community survey
 - g) Report on meeting with Mayor Haynes and Brent Reems
 - h) Free Little Library and seed exchange
 - i) Update on Falaise Park
 - j) Community concerns re safety issue at Royalwood Place and Falaise Drive intersection
6. Saanich budgeting process input – sidewalks? Snow removal?
 - a) SCAN will be providing input to Saanich
 - b) There is nothing community specific for FCA to request within the restricted budget parameters.



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7. Saanich Road Safety Policy input
 - a) Stuart to review document and provide input
8. Calendar review
 - a) The previously suggested Easter Egg hunt in the park will not take place this year due to other commitments by five directors.
 - b) Directors will discuss the possibility of holding a community barbeque after the garage sale instead. (proposed time: 4:00?)
9. May Community Garage Sale – Saturday, May 14th
 - a) Details to be discussed at next meeting
10. Uptown Multicultural Festival (Mac)
 - a) To be held at Uptown Mall July 8th and 9th
 - b) Saanich is inviting clubs, associations, etc. to participate. They will provide booths.
 - c) Anticipated activities: displays, food trucks, entertainment
 - d) Mac will represent SCAN– more information to be announced.

Other Business

1. Round table
 - a) Heat pump group rebate may not go forward due to time constraints and rebate qualification limitations.
 - b) Mac will check with Saanich Commonwealth Place re meeting room for April

Motion to adjourn: Stuart Seconded: Mac Approved: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: April 5th, 2022 Location and time: TBA 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Summary of Action Items:

Stuart:

- Prepare a recap of Lot 855 application process and result for future publication in the Falaise Focus.
- Meet with Bob and Barb to create community survey draft
- Continue to liaise with Falaise Drive residents re Royal Wood Place / Falaise Drive intersection safety issue.
- Create an article for the newsletter on the Road Mural project
- Write a park update for the newsletter
- Meet with Mayor Haynes, Brent Reems and Stew on March 21st
- Respond to invitation to meet with BARA, ROCA, Royal Oak BIA and Mayor Haynes
- Review Saanich Road Safety Policy and provide input if required



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Carl:

- Post the February minutes on the website
- Compile articles for the Spring Falaise Focus

Holly:

- Forward the January minutes to Carl for the website

Stew:

- Meet with Mayor Haynes, Brent Reems and Stuart on March 21st

Mac:

- Check into meeting rooms at Saanich Commonwealth Place for April Board meeting (change of date).

Bob:

- Write newsletter article re One Planet Action Plan
- Meet with Barb and Stuart to create community survey draft

Barb:

- Meet with Bob and Stuart to create community survey draft

All:

- Speak with community members and come up with ideas for a wish list for FCA funds